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## **Third Appellate District to Hear Oral Argument in Trinity County**

### ***First Educational Program of Its Kind in Trinity County***

Sacramento—The Court of Appeal for the Third Appellate District will hear oral argument in Trinity County on Tuesday, April 29, 2008, announced Administrative Presiding Justice Arthur G. Scotland.

This is the first time that a Court of Appeal session will be held in Trinity County. This session will begin at 10 a.m. at Trinity High School, 321 Victory Lane, Weaverville. The public is welcome to attend.

The following two cases will be heard, one from Siskiyou County and the other from Trinity County:

- *Skeen et al. v. County of Siskiyou et al.*, C055883, Siskiyou County. The Skeens appeal from summary judgment entered against them on their complaint for monetary damages allegedly arising from violation of their civil and constitutional rights during the course of a search of their residence by law enforcement.
- *The People v. Jones et al.*, C052707, Trinity County. Defendants Steven Allen Jones and David Darrao Jones appeal from judgments of conviction for first degree murder in the course of a robbery, attempted murder, and robbery, with imposition of sentences of life without the possibility of parole.

As part of this educational experience for high school students, justices of the Third Appellate District will meet with students and teachers on Monday, April 28, to discuss the court's appellate process and function. Mr. Michael McAllister, Trinity High School Superintendent/Principal, arranged for high school students to attend the proceedings. That evening, justices, court staff, and local dignitaries will attend an educational and social event.

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The Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, ordinarily holds oral argument at its courtroom in the Library and Courts Building, 914 Capitol Mall, Sacramento. The Third Appellate District comprises twenty-three counties: Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Yolo, and Yuba.

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